

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, August 5, 2020)

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Members present

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Members absent

Toni Phillips, John Columbus, Edward Simms, James Boone, John Mollica

Officers of the School Committee Present

Dr. Sheila Harrity

School district personnel present

Thomas Browne, Principal, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, James Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

1. Opening Items

Action: D. Temporary amendment of Policy BE

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO ALLOW MEETINGS TO OCCUR VIA REMOTE PARTICIPATION. This temporary amendment to remain in place until rescinded or the COVID-19 State of Emergency as declared by the Baker-Polito Administration is terminated.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Information: E. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: F. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2020, AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, James Cournoyer, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: Eric Olson

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Action, Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

Superintendent Harrity reviewed the Monty Tech Reopening Plan. She described the Safety and Health Plans and provided an outline of Plan 1 – Full In-Person Instruction, Plan 2 – Hybrid of In-Person and Remote Instruction, and Plan 3- Return to Full Remote Learning Model that were submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE 3 POTENTIAL PLANS FOR SCHOOL REOPENING.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Peter Capone

Action, Information: B. Hybrid Learning

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE SUPPORT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN THE SCHOOL YEAR UNDER THE HYBRID MODEL.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Peter Capone

Information: C. FY21 Financial Update

Business Manager Tammy Crockett reviewed the states FY21 administrative budget update. She also reviewed the staffing update.

Action, Information: D. Re-vote School Calendar

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Ronald Tourigny

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Principal's Monthly Report

Principal Browne thanked the volunteers for a wonderful graduation ceremony.

Principal Browne reviewed the Post-Graduate Plans for the Class of 2020.

Principal Browne presented the freshman enrollment.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Martha Shewan will retire September 8, 2021, after 28 years at Monty Tech.

Information: B. Resignations

1. Genevieve Castillo, a CAD/Drafting Instructor since February 2, 2009, has resigned.
2. Sean Lowe, Cafeteria/School Nutrition Director since December 4, 2009, has resigned.

Information: C. Appointments

Jesse Veinotte, a long-term substitute, has been hired as the new CAD/Drafting Instructor.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Financial Planning

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED CONTRACT FOR SOLAR WITH NEXAMP AS ATTACHED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: Matthew Vance

Not Present at Vote: Maureen Ward

Information: B. Policy

Information: C. Workforce

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

May financials were in the packet for perusal.

Information: B. Results of Surplus Equipment Auction

The results of the surplus equipment auction held in June 2020 netted income of \$6,568.50

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of Donation - GFA Federal Credit Union

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPTS THE DONATION FROM GFA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO BENEFIT THE MEALS FOR SHIELDS STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Matthew Vance.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Maureen Ward

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Teachers Union Grievances

Action: A.

MOTION TO DENY THE GRIEVANCE AND ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS A RESOLUTION

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Maureen Ward

Discussion: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: C. School Committee Comments

8. Legal Matters / Executive Session

Action: A. To discuss collective bargaining on reopening plans Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)
MOVE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE TEACHERS' UNION ON THE SCHOOL'S REOPENING PLAN. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION TO ADJOURN.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Maureen Ward

Entered into executive session at 9:36

Returned to open session at 10:43 PM

9. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion by Matthew Vance, second by Amy Morton, to adjourn.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 PM